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MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF EDUCATION  
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MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION THAT WILL HAVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AMOUNTING TO THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER THE RECURRENT AND NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REPORT NO. 1 OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION AND WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FALL INTO FOUR BROAD AREAS, COVERING THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, TEACHER SEPARATION AND THE TEACHING SERVICE, AND EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH.

IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION TO PHASE OUT THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM IN 1991, AN ADDITIONAL 24 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE TO BE BUILT BETWEEN 1989 AND 1991.

IN ADDITION, THE NUMBER OF ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME BASIC CRAFT PLACES WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 600 TO A TOTAL OF 7 600 BY 1989-90.

AND MORE SENIOR SECONDARY PLACES WILL HAVE TO BE BOUGHT FROM SATISFACTORY PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, WHILE THE CURRICULUM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE EXAMINATION SYSTEM WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED IN PARALLEL WITH THE PROVISION OF MORE SUBSIDISED POST-FORM III PLACES.

AS FOR LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, THE COMMISSION FELT THAT THE QUALITY OF CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY THE PROVISION OF AN EXTRA GRADUATE TEACHER OF CHINESE IN EVERY SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH 18 CLASSES OR MORE.

THE COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF TEACHING.

AND TO COMPENSATE FOR THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF EXPOSURE TO ENGLISH WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN A FALL IN STANDARDS, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING EXTRA ENGLISH TEACHERS SO THAT ENGLISH LESSONS IN FORMS I AND II CAN BE CONDUCTED IN SMALLER CLASSES AND THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY GRANTS TO BUY ENGLISH READING MATERIALS, BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH USE CHINESE AS THE INSTRUCTING MEDIUM.

AS FOR THE TEACHING SERVICE, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT A NEW COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO STRENGTHEN BOTH THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF TEACHER PREPARATION.

ON EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, THE COMMISSION FELT THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE EDUCATION RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT, THE UNIVERSITIES, THE POLYTECHNICS AND INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION SHOULD BE SUSTAINED AND THAT ALL EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CO-ORDINATED WITH THE PLANNING AND FORMULATION OF EDUCATION POLICIES.

THE ROUGH ESTIMATED COST FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE ABOUT 700 000 IN 1985-86, RISING TO ABOUT \$333.1 MILLION IN 1994-95.

ALSO AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO ACCEPT A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR BUILDING 35 SECONDARY SCHOOLS BETWEEN 1987 AND 1993 AT A COST OF \$553 MILLION AND THE ANNUAL RECURRENT COST OF OPERATING THESE SCHOOLS.

TO ENABLE COMPUTER STUDIES TO BE FURTHER EXTENDED, THE COMMITTEE'S CONSENT WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT \$11 MILLION ON THE PURCHASE OF MICROCOMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS CONSUMABLES FOR 93 MORE PUBLIC SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL ALSO BE SEEKING SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$3 MILLION TO MEET THE COST OF REPLACEMENT AND ADDITIONAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR EXISTING AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT TOMORROW'S MEETING INCLUDE:

- \* SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TO ENABLE THE PROCEEDS OF A DEBT REPAYMENT BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION TO BE SET ASIDE TOWARDS AN EQUITY INJECTION OF \$1 000 MILLION FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION IN 1987-88;
- \* INCREASED COMMITMENT FOR EXPO 86;
- \* FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TO MEET EXPENDITURE FROM THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1985-86;
- \* FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF \$6 MILLION IN RESPECT OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE QUEEN TO HONG KONG;
- \* REVISION OF MONTHLY FEES FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SECURITY GUARDS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT;
- \* THE EXTENSION OF THE LEDGER ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM TO SIX ADDITIONAL USERS IN APRIL 1986;

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- \* EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO TWO DECREASED OFFICERS:
- \* INCREASED COMMITMENT TO ENABLE THE SENIOR STAFF COURSE TO BE EXTENDED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 1986 TO AUGUST 1989;
- \* THE PURCHASE OF A DISABLED AIRCRAFT RECOVERY TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR THE AIRPORT; AND
- \* THE REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION OF SECURITY CHECKING EQUIPMENT USED WITHIN THE SECURITY SEARCH AREA OF THE AIRPORT.

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BUSY DAY FOR LEGCO MEMBERS  
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FOUR BILLS, 13 QUESTIONS AND THREE MOTIONS WILL BE AMONG MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1985 WILL BE INTRODUCED AND READ FOR THE SECOND TIME, WHILE DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE CHIT-FUND BUSINESSES (PROHIBITION)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 AND THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1985, PRIOR TO COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING.

THREE MOTIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED, TWO BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE, AND THE THIRD BY THE HON LYDIA DUNN TO APPOINT A SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE REPORT ON THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES.

QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIALS WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS WAYS TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, CENSORSHIP PROCEDURES OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION MATERIAL RELATING TO FILMS, AND RESUMPTION OF PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN PORNOGRAPHIC MAGAZINES.

TWO STATEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON GOVERNMENT PAPERS ON THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1985 AND CHANGES TO APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985-86 -- PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE: SECTION 8 RESPECTIVELY.

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TWO LOTS SOLD FOR \$72.5 MILLION  
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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND -- ONE IN WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON, AND THE OTHER IN CHAI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND -- WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$72.5 MILLION AT AN AUCTION TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE WATERLOO ROAD LOT, A 1 635-SQUARE-METRE RESIDENTIAL SITE, WAS SOLD FOR \$60 MILLION AFTER FAIRLY BRISK BIDDING AT \$1 MILLION A BID.

THE BUYER WAS WORLD WIDE EXHIBITION COMPANY WHO WILL HAVE TO DEVELOP NOT LESS THAN 4 400 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BEFORE JUNE 30, 1989.

GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR C.M. MO, WHO WAS THE AUCTIONEER, DESCRIBED THE PREMIUM OF \$36 697 A SQUARE METRE AS +QUITE A GOOD PRICE. WE WERE THINKING IT WOULD FETCH IN THE REGION OF \$30 MILLION OR \$40 MILLION.

+IT INDICATES THE PROPERTY MARKET IS GOING TO BE STABLE FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

+I DON'T THINK THE PRICE WAS EXCESSIVE OR THAT THERE WAS ANY SPECULATIVE ELEMENT IN IT. IT INDICATES THAT THE HONG KONG PROPERTY MARKET IS GOING TO BE STABLE FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

+I WOULD SAY THAT THE PROPERTY MARKET IS STEADILY GOING UP BUT NOT TO THE EXTENT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST.+

THE SECOND LOT, A 1 400-SQUARE-METRE INDUSTRIAL SITE AT KAI YIP STREET, CHAI WAN, WAS BOUGHT FOR \$12.5 MILLION BY FAIR EAGLE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED. THIS WAS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE UPSET PRICE OF \$10 MILLION AND WAS REACHED IN BIDS OF \$500 000.

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NEW GROUP TO FIGHT PROTECTIONISM  
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A JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TRADE AND TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARDS IS TO BE FORMED TO REVIEW HONG KONG'S EFFORTS AGAINST PROTECTIONISM, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT THE NEW BODY WOULD BE CALLED THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGAINST PROTECTIONISM AND ITS CORE MEMBERSHIP WOULD COMPRISE NOT MORE THAN SIX MEMBERS OF EACH BOARD, INCLUDING MEMBERS CONNECTED WITH MAJOR ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND LEADING TEXTILE GROUPS.

/THE SUB-COMMITTEE .....

THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TDC, WHICH HAS A SPECIAL ROLE IN THE FUNDING OF HONG KONG'S LOBBYISTS IN THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE A CO-OPTED MEMBER.

+THE FIRST ASSIGNMENT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE TO LOOK AT POTENTIAL TRADE PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1986 AND TO REVIEW EXISTING RESOURCES,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

+TO ASSIST ITS DELIBERATIONS IT WILL MEET AND CONSULT VARIOUS LOCAL INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL GROUPS,+ HE ADDED.

THE NEW GROUP HAS EVOLVED FROM A STANDING COMMITTEE OF TEXTAB, WHICH WAS SET UP IN AUGUST THIS YEAR TO LOOK AT LOBBYING EFFORTS IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE JENKINS BILL.

+UNFORTUNATELY IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES IN THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THE TEXTILES SECTOR WILL BE THE MAIN CONCERN, THERE ARE OTHER AREAS WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO NEED WATCHING, AND ACTION, BY THE TEAM IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK,+ HE SAID.

A PARTICULAR CONCERN IS LIKELY TO BE THE PRESERVATION OF HONG KONG'S U.S. GSP BENEFICIARY STATUS. LEGISLATION IS BEING DRAFTED IN THE SENATE WHICH WOULD SEEK TO EXCLUDE SOME DEVELOPING TERRITORIES FROM GSP. THIS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT HONG KONG OVER A WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTS, AND LOBBYING IS PROCEEDING TO INFLUENCE THE CONTENTS OF THIS LEGISLATION.

+WHILE THE MAJORITY OF TOPICS CAN CONTINUE TO BE DEALT WITH IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TWO MAIN COMMITTEES, TEXTAB AND TAB, PROTECTIONIST PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES REQUIRE A LEVEL OF DETAIL, SUCH AS THE SELECTION AND OVERSIGHT OF LOBBYISTS, NOT NORMALLY EXPECTED OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES. MOREOVER, THEY CUT ACROSS BOTH TEXTILE AND NON-TEXTILE AREAS,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

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DORWARD MEETS U.S. TRADE CHIEF ON JENKINS BILL  
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HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED STATES, MR BILL DORWARD, YESTERDAY (MONDAY) MADE PUBLIC HIS DISCUSSIONS LAST FRIDAY WITH THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MR CLAYTON YEUTTER.

MEETING IN THE WAKE OF THE 60-39 VOTE IN THE U.S. SENATE IN FAVOUR OF THE TEXTILE BILL, MR DORWARD AND MR YEUTTER DISCUSSED THE BILL'S PROBABLE FUTURE COURSE.

+MY TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR YEUTTER REFLECTED THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION AND THE STRONG LIKELIHOOD OF A PRESIDENTIAL VETO,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

THE DISCUSSIONS ALSO COVERED REPORTED CONGRESSIONAL PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN HONG KONG'S STATUS WITHIN THE GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP), WHICH GIVES CERTAIN TRADERS WITH THE UNITED STATES FAVOURED TARIFF STATUS FOR THEIR EXPORTS.

MR DORWARD SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY ARBITRARY CHANGES IN THE GSP.

+AMBASSADOR YEUTTER AFFIRMED THAT ANY CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO BE PRECEDED BY AN OBJECTIVE STUDY OF THEIR CONSEQUENCES, A PROCESS IN WHICH HONG KONG WOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

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'EDUCATION THE KEY TO MANAGING CHANGE'  
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CHANGES WHICH LEAD HONG KONG FROM A BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORY INTO A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN 12 YEARS' TIME CAN BE MANAGED AND EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO BETTER MANAGEMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF ST. PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL, MR LEUNG SAID THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION PROVIDED A SOUND FRAMEWORK FOR HONG KONG'S TRANSITION, AND BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENTS HAD PLEDGED TO MAKE THIS TRANSITION A SMOOTH ONE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PLANS ON ITS SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THERE WAS NO REASON WHY CHANGES COULD NOT BE PROPERLY MANAGED GIVEN ALL THESE GUARANTEES AND PLANS, AND THE WILL POWER TO DO SO, HE SAID.

+CHANGES IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST CENTURY HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC - INDEED ITS TRANSFORMATION HAS BEEN SO COMPLETE AS TO MAKE IT UNRECOGNISABLE - FROM A BARREN ISLAND TO A MODERN COSMOPOLITAN CITY AND ONE OF THE LEADING FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CENTRES OF THE WORLD,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

+SURELY WE IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN QUITE ACCUSTOMED TO CHANGE, AND CHANGE IS A FACT OF LIFE,+ HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, CHANGE PROVIDED THE CHALLENGE RATHER THAN THE RESTRAINT FOR THOSE WHO LOOKED AT THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THINGS.

/+WE SHOULD .....

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+WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT CHANGE CAN BE MANAGED IF WE ARE DETERMINED TO GET ON TOP OF IT,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

TO PREPARE FOR CHANGES WHICH WERE A FACT OF LIFE AND WERE AS INEVITABLE AS DEATH, MR LEUNG SAID EDUCATION WAS THE KEY TO THE WHOLE MATTER.

+EDUCATION BROADENS ONE'S OWN HORIZON, DEEPENS ONE'S KNOWLEDGE, PREPARES ONE INTELLECTUALLY, PHYSICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY FOR MATURITY,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS ONLY WITH MATURITY THAT CHANGES CAN BE FACED AND DEALT WITH ADEQUATELY AND CONFIDENTLY.

+MATURITY MEANS THE GROWTH AND EVOLUTION OF ONE'S OWN PERSON OVER TIME, AND EDUCATION MUST AIM AT CULTIVATING THE WHOLE PERSONALITY,+ MR LEUNG ADDED.

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#### GAME CENTRE APPEAL REJECTED

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) REJECTED AN APPEAL BY THE LICENSEE OF AN AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRE WHOSE LICENCE RENEWAL WAS REFUSED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING (CTEL).

THE APPELLANT, MR KAN MING-CHAU, WHO OPERATED AN AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRE IN TAI PO ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO, WAS TOLD ON JULY 25 THAT HIS LICENCE EXPIRING ON AUGUST 26 WOULD NOT BE RENEWED.

THE COMMISSIONER'S DECISION WAS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES COMMITTED BY THE LICENSEE IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE LICENCE CONDITION: MR KAN HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF 14 OFFENCES INVOLVING INSTALLATION OF UNAPPROVED MACHINES BETWEEN NOVEMBER 8, 1984 AND MARCH 5, 1985.

SUBSEQUENTLY, MR KAN MADE A REPRESENTATION UNDER THE MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES REGULATIONS AND WAS AGAIN NOTIFIED BY CTCL OF THE SAME DECISION. HE LODGED AN APPEAL AGAINST THE COMMISSIONER'S DECISION ON AUGUST 20, 1985.

ALTHOUGH THE LICENSEE MAINTAINED IN HIS APPEAL THAT NO FURTHER OFFENCE OF ANY OTHER NATURE WAS COMMITTED, RECORDS OF COURT CONVICTIONS SHOWED THAT HE WAS FURTHER FINED BETWEEN \$200 AND \$500 BETWEEN MARCH 26 AND MAY 15, 1985 FOR THE SAME OFFENCE SEVEN TIMES.

IN REJECTING THE APPEAL, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL NOTED THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF UNDESIRABLE GAMES ON PLAYERS HAD LONG BEEN, AND STILL WAS, AN AREA OF PUBLIC CONCERN. FURTHERMORE, IF THE INSTALLATION OF UNAPPROVED MACHINES WERE TAKEN LIGHTLY BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY, THIS WOULD GIVE THE OPERATOR AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OVER THOSE WHO COMPLIED WITH THIS CONDITION.

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RECREATION, CULTURE FACILITIES ON THE RISE  
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SPEND ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION FOR PRESENTING 75 CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES AS PART OF THE FOUR DISTRICT FESTIVALS TO BE HELD IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS IN 1985-86.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES), MR DAVID WEEKS, AT A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

MR WEEKS SAID THE RSD WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN COORDINATING AND CO-SPONSORING THE TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL, YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL, TUEN MUN FESTIVAL AND THE TAI PO FESTIVAL.

+THE LARGEST OF THESE, THE 1986 TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL, WILL COST AN ESTIMATED \$1.98 MILLION. OF THIS AMOUNT, \$855 000 WILL COME FROM THE RSD WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE 22 INDOOR AND 18 OUTDOOR PROGRAMMES TOWARDS THE FESTIVAL,+ HE ADDED.

THE 1986 TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL WILL REPLACE THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT THIS YEAR. IT WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 31 TO MARCH 2 WHEN MORE THAN 40 CULTURAL PERFORMANCES FEATURING RENOWNED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ARTISTS AND TWO EXHIBITIONS WILL BE STAGED AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE 1986 YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 21 TO MARCH 9. THE RSD WILL CONTRIBUTE \$170 000 TOWARDS THE ORGANISING OF SIX INDOOR AND SIX OUTDOOR PROGRAMMES IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANISED ANNUALLY SINCE 1981.

THE 1985 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL, A BIENNIAL EVENT, STARTED LAST SATURDAY UNTIL DECEMBER 8, DURING WHICH THE RSD WILL CONTRIBUTE EIGHT ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL AT A COST OF \$50 000.

THE 1985-86 TAI PO FESTIVAL, THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE FESTIVAL TO BE ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT, WILL TAKE PLACE FROM DECEMBER 15 TO FEBRUARY 23 NEXT YEAR. IT WILL FEATURE CULTURAL, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

THE ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE FESTIVAL IS \$800 000, OF WHICH \$120 000 WILL BE PAID BY THE RSD FOR 12 INDOOR AND THREE OUTDOOR PROGRAMMES.

ON THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1986-87, RELATING TO RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NON-URBAN AREA, THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT, MRS MARIA YIP, SAID REVENUE SHOWS AN INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT FROM \$16.79 MILLION IN 1985-86 TO \$20.61 MILLION IN 1986-87, WHILE EXPENDITURE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 77 PER CENT FROM \$143.7 MILLION TO \$254.69 MILLION.

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+A MAJOR SOURCE OF REVENUE THAT IS EXPECTED TO GROW IS IN THE ADMISSION AND HIRE CHARGES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES. THE INCREASE OF \$1.9 MILLION IN 1986-87 OVER THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR IS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OPENING OF THE TUEN MUN SWIMMING POOL, REFRESHMENT AND PLEASURE BOAT KIOSKS AT SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK AND NEW INDOOR GAMES HALL,+ SHE EXPLAINED.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, ANOTHER 504 NEW POSTS WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO MEET ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS AND TO MANAGE NEW PROJECTS COMING ON STREAM. THE ADDITIONAL COST OF SALARIES FOR THESE NEW POSTS IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$12 MILLION,+ SHE ADDED.

THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED THAT THE DRAFT ESTIMATES FOR 1986-87 RELATING TO RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES BE INCLUDED, IN THE OVERALL ESTIMATES FOR THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCILS CONSIDERATION.

ON A RELATED MATTER, MR WEEKS SAID THAT THE RSD SHOULD ACCEPT SPONSORSHIP OF RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM COMMERCIAL COMPANIES, EXCEPT TOBACCO COMPANIES, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. THEY ARE TO SUPPLEMENT ANY BUDGETARY SHORTFALLS, TO IMPROVE THE SCOPE OF THE ACTIVITIES, TO FACILITATE MORE MANPOWER SUPPORT IN ORGANISING THE PROGRAMMES AND TO ENHANCE PUBLICITY.

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#### NEW CONTROL MEASURES FOR ANIMALS, PLANTS

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MORE SPECIES OF ENDANGERED ANIMALS AND PLANTS WILL SOON BE SUBJECTED TO LICENSING CONTROL WITH THE AMENDMENT ORDER TO THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE BEING APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY).

EXPLAINING THE NEW MEASURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1976 TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

THIS PROTECTED AND CONSERVED ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS BY CONTROLLING IMPORT AND EXPORT OF BOTH LIVE SPECIMENS AND READILY RECOGNISABLE PARTS AND DERIVATIVES OF THESE SPECIES.

+THESE SPECIES ARE LISTED IN THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD SCHEDULES TO THE ORDINANCE WHICH COVER ANIMALS, ANIMAL PARTS AND DERIVATIVES AND PLANTS RESPECTIVELY. THE CURRENT AMENDMENTS AIM TO BRING THE THREE SCHEDULES IN LINE WITH THE UPDATED CITES LIST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE, WHICH LISTED LIVE ANIMAL SPECIES, IS THE ADDITION OF ALL EXCEPT THREE SPECIES (NAMELY, THE BUDGERIGAR, COCKATIEL AND ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET) OF PARROTS AND RELATED BIRDS.

OTHER CHANGES TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF ALL OWLS, FLAMINGOS, WHALES, DOLPHINS, PORPOISES, RORQUALS AND BLACK CORALS.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE LISTS THE ANIMALS PARTS AND DERIVATIVES WHICH ARE BEING TRADED. THE REVISED SECOND SCHEDULE NOW INCLUDES THE WHOLE OR PARTS OF DEAD SPECIMEN AND MEATS OF ALL ANIMALS LISTED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE THIRD SCHEDULE IS THE ADDITION OF SIX SPECIES OF PITCHER PLANT.

THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF NEWLY-SCHEDULED SPECIES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO LICENSING CONTROL WHEN THE AMENDMENT ORDER IS PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON DECEMBER 20.

THE AMENDMENT ORDER ALSO PROVIDES FOR AN EXEMPTION IN RESPECT OF PARROTS KEPT IN HONG KONG AS PETS BUT THE EXEMPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO BIRD TRADERS AND ANYONE WHO POSSESSED PARROTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

THESE CHANGES HAD BEEN FORMULATED WITH THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISED TRADE REPRESENTATIVES RELATED TO THE EXPORT AND IMPORT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA.

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#### LADY YOUDE TOURS TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

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LADY YOUDE SPENT THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TOURING TSUEN WAN AND VISITING CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

SHE FIRST CALLED AT THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE, A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION SITUATED ON THE SLOPES OF LO WAI WHICH IS ALSO USED AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

LADY YOUDE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF TSUEN WAN, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE.

AFTER A BRIEFING ON GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TSUEN WAN, LADY YOUDE VISITED THE INSTITUTE'S HOME FOR THE AGED, WITH ITS CAPACITY FOR 120 PERSONS, OF WHICH 80 PER CENT ARE REFERRAL CASES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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LADY YOUDE THEN WENT TO SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE AND VISITED A FAMILY IN SHEK KUK HOUSE.

SHE NEXT CALLED AT THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL AT YAN CHAI STREET, WHERE SHE WAS BRIEFED ON PLANS TO EXPAND THE INSTITUTION.

THE HOSPITAL IS A CHARITABLE INSTITUTION WITH 175 BEDS AND IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS A DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR TSUEN WAN AND NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

BEFORE LEAVING TSUEN WAN, LADY YOUDE ALSO VISITED A FACTORY IN TEXACO ROAD WHICH PRODUCES KNITTED APPAREL AND FABRICS.

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#### PLANS TO CHANGE RENT CONDITIONS FOR ARTS CENTRE

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO PERMIT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE TO LEASE ITS OFFICE SPACE AT PREVAILING MARKET RENTS TO COMMERCIAL, PROFIT-MAKING AND NON-ARTS RELATED ORGANISATIONS.

HOWEVER, ARTS RELATED ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO TAKE UP ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE CENTRE AT FULL MARKET RENT WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES.

THE CHANGES ARE AIMED AT IMPROVING THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE ARTS CENTRE WHICH HAD BEEN SUFFERING SERIOUS LOSS IN INCOME DUE TO POOR OCCUPANCY OF ITS OFFICE SPACE.

EXPLAINING THE MODIFICATIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF A PRIVATE TREATY GRANTED TO THE ARTS CENTRE IN 1975, VARIOUS SPECIAL CONDITIONS LIMITING THE USE OF THE ARTS CENTRE BUILDING WERE IMPOSED. AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT WAS STIPULATED THAT THE GRANTEE COULD ONLY SUBLET THE OFFICE AREAS TO NON-PROFIT-MAKING ARTS RELATED ORGANISATIONS.

DURING THE FIRST YEARS OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE ARTS CENTRE MANAGED TO FILL THE LEASEABLE SPACE TO NON-PROFIT-MAKING ARTS ORGANISATIONS BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVE SHORTAGE IN OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN WAN CHAI.

HOWEVER, THE POSITION NOW HAD CHANGED RADICALLY DUE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF CHEAPER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATION ELSEWHERE. AT PRESENT, FOUR OF THE EIGHT FLOORS OF OFFICE SPACE ARE VACANT.

+THE RENTAL INCOME DERIVED FROM THE OFFICE LEASES HAS CONTRIBUTED 50 PER CENT OF THE ARTS CENTRE'S TOTAL INCOME OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND THE LOSS OF A LARGE PROPORTION OF THIS INCOME IS NOW HAVING A SERIOUS EFFECT ON THE ARTS CENTRE'S ABILITY TO FUNCTION AS WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SECOND QUARTER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX RELEASED  
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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985, AT 124.6, WAS 5.9 POINTS OR 4.5 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, THE INDEX SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF 15.1 POINTS OR 13.8 PER CENT. THIS INCREASE WAS MAINLY DUE TO SEASONAL FACTOR, AS THE FIRST QUARTER HAD FEWER WORKING DAYS BECAUSE OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

INDUSTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 INCLUDED TOBACCO (+65.0 PER CENT), CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+32.3 PER CENT), NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (+24.4 PER CENT), AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (+14.4 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES REPORTED SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THESE INCLUDED WEARING APPAREL (-14.9 PER CENT) AND BASIC METALS (-10.0 PER CENT). THE BEVERAGE INDUSTRY ALSO SHOWED A DROP IN PRODUCTION OF 9.3 PER CENT FROM THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF DUTY ON NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND THE INCREASE IN DUTY ON BEER IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR HAD CAUSED SOME DECLINE IN THE SALES, AND IN THE LOCAL PRODUCTION OF THESE COMMODITIES.

MOST INDUSTRIES RECORDED INCREASE IN PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RUBBER PRODUCTS (+44.7 PER CENT), BEVERAGE (+39.8 PER CENT), TEXTILES (+39.2 PER CENT), LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (+38.8 PER CENT), FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (+29.8 PER CENT), BASIC METALS (+27.7 PER CENT) AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+25.2 PER CENT).

THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY RECORDED A DECLINE OF 5.6 PER CENT IN PRODUCTION VOLUME COMPARED WITH THE PEAK IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS SHOWED A DECLINE OF 5.2 PER CENT IN PRODUCTION VOLUME OVER THIS PERIOD.

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE LEVELS AND TRENDS OF INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER REMOVING THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES.

TWO TABLES ON THE QUARTERLY INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND BOXED SEPARATELY. ONE IS A SUMMARY TABLE FOR BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS, WHILE THE OTHER GIVES MORE DETAILED INDUSTRY BREAKDOWNS.

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MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE +REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, SECOND QUARTER 1985+.

ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY, THE PUBLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7224504.

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#### ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS AVAILABLE

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THE 1985 EDITION OF THE ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS, PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$90 A COPY.

THE PUBLICATION IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

IT BRINGS TOGETHER IN ONE VOLUME UP-TO-DATE STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS OF HONG KONG.

IT COVERS STATISTICS ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING POPULATION, VITAL STATISTICS, LABOUR, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, EXTERNAL TRADE, GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, PUBLIC FINANCE, MONEY AND BANKING, PRICES, FOOD SUPPLIES, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE AS WELL AS LAW AND ORDER.

THIRTEEN NEW TABLES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE 1985 ISSUE WHICH PROVIDES 291 TABLES AND COVERS, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, A TEN-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1975 TO 1984.

IT IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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### WATER TREATMENT WORKS HANDED OVER

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THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) OPENED THE INLET VALVE AT YAU KOM TAU TREATMENT WORKS TO SIGNIFY THE TAKING OVER OF THE NEW WATER TREATMENT WORKS FROM THE CONTRACTORS.

THE TREATMENT WORKS, SITUATED TO THE NORTH OF TUEN MUN ROAD, WILL MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR WATER IN TSUEN WAN, TSING LUNG TAU, SHAM TSENG, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI AND TING KAU DISTRICTS.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE SCHEME TO TREAT AND DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLIES FROM CHINA.

FACILITIES AT YAU KOM TAU INCLUDE THE WATER TREATMENT WORKS, WITH A CAPACITY OF 160 MILLION LITRES PER DAY WITH PROVISION FOR 250 MILLION LITRES PER DAY, A PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR OF 36 400 CUBIC METRE CAPACITY AND A 2.6-KILOMETRE-LONG TRUNK MAIN FROM THE TREATMENT WORKS TO TSUEN WAN.

INITIAL PLANNING OF THE PROJECT STARTED IN 1981 AND POTABLE WATER WAS FIRST TAKEN INTO SUPPLY FROM YAU KOM TAU IN OCTOBER 1985. CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT UNDER SEVEN DIFFERENT CONTRACTS.

CONTRACTORS FOR THE MAIN CIVIL WORKS, TREATMENT PLANT, PIPELINE, PUMPING PLANT AND SWITCHGEAR WERE NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., PORTALS WATER TREATMENT (HK) LTD., FRANKI CONTRACTORS LTD. AND GILMAN ENGINEERING LTD.

THE CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROJECT WERE BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HONG KONG).

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### TRAINING SCHEME LAUNCHING

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A SIX-WEEK YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHEME WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 7.30 PM, AT THE MANSION STREET YOUTH CENTRE, 55 MODEL LANE, NORTH POINT.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION.

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COUNCIL RECOMMENDS GRANTS FOR 1985

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THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS HAS RECOMMENDED THAT FIVE LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS AND ONE LOCAL PERFORMING ARTIST BE AWARDED GRANTS UNDER THE COUNCIL'S NEW GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME.

THE COUNCIL HAS ADVISED THAT GRANTS FOR 1985 BE AWARDED TO THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, ZUNI ICOSAHEDRON, THE HARMONIOUS DANCE TROUPE, THE SEALS PLAYERS FOUNDATION AND THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE.

IT HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT AN AWARD BE MADE TO JOANNE LEE AS +GRANT TO AN INDIVIDUAL+.

IN ADDITION, IT HAS RECOMMENDED THAT SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS BE AWARDED TO THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY AND THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE AWARDED IS ABOUT \$600 000. THE NEXT ROUND OF THE GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME, COVERING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1986-87, WILL START IN DECEMBER 1985 WHEN GUIDES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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SPECIAL TREAT FOR THE ELDERLY

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MORE THAN 600 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO A FEAST AND A TWO-HOUR CANTONESE OPERA TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

THE PARTICIPANTS, ALL AGED OVER 70, ARE SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT AND MOST OF THEM COME FROM THE SEVEN CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH STARTS AT 5 PM, WILL FEATURE TWO PERFORMANCES BY FAMOUS CANTONESE OPERA TROUPES.

ABOUT 30 VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND STAFF FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE PRESENT TO ATTEND TO THE ELDERLY.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION, THE GATHERING IS AIMED AT SHOWING RESPECT TO THE AGED AND PROMOTING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

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OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS WINDY KWOK; THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR KAM YING-TONG; THE CHAIRWOMAN EN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MRS IRENE TANG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE ELDERLY NIGHT, MR CHEUNG YIU-KEE; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION, MR HO FAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ELDERLY NIGHT TO BE HELD AT 5 PM TOMORROW AT TAI TUNG RESTAURANT, 271-285 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

STUDENTS INVITED TO WRITE FIGHT CRIME ESSAY  
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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO SUGGEST WAYS TO COMBAT CRIMES IN AN ESSAY COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

ENTRIES FOR THE INTER-SCHOOL CRIME PREVENTION ESSAY CONTEST WILL CLOSE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23). THE COMPETITION IS ONE OF THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT'S CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN HELD IN WONG TAI SIN THIS YEAR.

A CARNIVAL, A VARIETY SHOW, VISITS, SEMINARS AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS, TOGETHER WITH THE FORMATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS IN FIVE SELECTED BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO ENHANCE CRIME PREVENTION KNOWLEDGE AND TO MOBILISE RESIDENTS AGAINST CRIME.

THE CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AFTERNOON AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND, WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE BAND, A DEMONSTRATION BY POLICE DOGS, DANCING AND KUNG FU SHOWS. GAME STALLS WILL ALSO BE SET UP TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR F.S. KAVANAGH, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ROSA CHAN, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND TICKETS FOR THE GAME CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSZ WAN SHAN POLICE STATION AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE OF THE WONG TAI SIN POLICE STATION.

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NEXT MONTH, SEMINARS FEATURING SLIDE SHOWS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR SCHOOLS, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL ALSO VISIT PIK UK PRISON, THE MARINE POLICE BASE IN TSO WO HANG AND THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU IN JANUARY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND.

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HAYES TO OFFICIATE AT KAM TIN TA CHIU  
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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE KAM TIN TA CHIU, WHICH IS HELD ONCE EVERY 10 YEARS, THIS THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE TA CHIU, WITH RITUALS LASTING FOR SIX DAYS, IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR THE TANG CLAN LIVING IN KAM TIN AND IS ORGANISED TO SHOW THEIR RESPECT AND THANKSGIVING TO TWO OFFICIALS WHO HELPED THEIR ANCESTORS TO MOVE BACK TO KAM TIN AFTER FLEEING FROM PIRATES SOME 300 YEARS AGO.

THE BUDGET FOR THE KAM TIN TA CHIU IS MORE THAN \$1 MILLION, WHICH IS SHARED BY THE VILLAGERS.

PAPER OFFERINGS AND SOME VALUABLE ANTIQUES BELONGING TO THE CLAN, WHICH DEPICT THE CLAN'S HISTORY, WILL BE ON DISPLAY DURING THE TA CHIU PERIOD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY OF THE KAM TIN TA CHIU AT 4.30 PM IN SHUI TAU TSUEN, KAM TIN, YUEN LONG, NEAR THE +CHOW WONG YEE KUNG SHE YUEN+.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 21) FOR YUEN LONG.

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COMMITTEE TO HOLD FIRST MEETING  
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THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL ALSO DISCUSS A HOST OF OTHER CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE CALLED UPON TO DECIDE ON A PROPOSAL FOR THE RSD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISING OF THE 10TH NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW FROM MARCH 15 TO 18 NEXT YEAR.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE. THERE WILL BE NO SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE.

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SHAM SHUI PO TO DISCUSS NATIONALITY ACT  
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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER 1986 AT THEIR MEETING THIS FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY A LOCAL VOLUNTARY GROUP ON THE NEEDS OF STUDY ROOM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

AT THE MEETING MEMBERS WILL ASK ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AT THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATORS, FOCUSING ON THE DIFFERENT METHODS OF WASTE DISPOSAL TO BE ADOPTED.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING AS OBSERVERS AND RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-7204251.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 22) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET.

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EASTERN DB TO DISCUSS NATIONALITY ORDER  
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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER 1986 AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS CARRIE LAM, AND SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICER, MR LAI TUNG-KWOK, WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

AT THE MEETING, THE BOARD WILL ALSO BE CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF THE SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN TAM KUNG TEMPLE AND A KUNG NGAM ROAD FOR A PROPOSED SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT.

THE PLANT, DESIGNED FOR A POPULATION OF ABOUT 300 000 PEOPLE, WILL HELP TO RELIEVE POLLUTION IN ALDRICH BAY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE NAMING OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT, AND PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 21) IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 880-886, KING'S ROAD.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO REPORT DRUG ACTIVITIES  
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RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON CITY WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED TO REPORT DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES THAT COME TO THEIR NOTICE IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, MR WONG WING-PIU, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF AN ANTI-NARCOTICS FAIR TO BE HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

+THE EARLIER DRUG ACTIVITIES ARE REPORTED, THE LESS THE CHANCE OF IT SPREADING IN THE COMMUNITY,+ SAID MR WONG.

INFORMATION ON DRUG ACTIVITIES COULD BE PASSED TO THE POLICE THROUGH TWO HOTLINES 5-271234 AND 5-433226 WHICH ARE MANNED ROUND-THE-CLOCK. ALL INFORMATION WOULD BE TREATED WITH THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN PLAYING A POSITIVE ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

+THE NUMBER OF DRUG-RELATED PROSECUTIONS IN 1984 HAD DROPPED SLIGHTLY BY ABOUT 0.2 PER CENT.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BELOW 21 ALSO DECLINED BY ABOUT 11 PER CENT,+ MR WONG SAID.

IN RESPONSE TO THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE HAS LAUNCHED ITS OWN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR WHICH INCLUDE A SLOGAN COMPETITION, A DISPLAY BOARD COMPETITION AND A CARNIVAL.

THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FAIR ON SUNDAY WOULD FEATURE 20 GAMES STALLS ALL DESIGNED WITH THE ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME PUT UP BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

OTHER PROGRAMMES AT THE FAIR INCLUDE AN EIGHT-METRE-TALL INFLATABLE +RUBBER ELEPHANT+ FOR CHILDREN, MAGIC, MIME AND ACROBATIC SHOWS AND PERFORMANCES BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL BAND.

THE FAIR WILL START AT 2.30 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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CONTRACT PAVES WAY FOR NEW BORDER LINK  
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A \$260 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR BORDER LINK AT LOK MA CHAU AND IMPROVEMENTS TO A SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WAS SIGNED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR HAROLD BEATON.

THE CONTRACT, AWARDED TO KOREA SHIPBUILDING AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION, COVERS THE FIRST STAGE OF THE BORDER LINK AND THE SECOND PHASE OF THE MAI PO TO PAK SHEK AU CIRCULAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

THE BORDER LINK AT LOK MA CHAU IS NEEDED TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING VOLUME OF TRAFFIC TO AND FROM CHINA AND WILL SUPPLEMENT EXISTING CROSSINGS AT MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK.

IT WILL BRANCH OFF FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD AT A GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGE NEAR THE JUNCTION OF LOK MA CHAU ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CROSS THE SHENZHEN RIVER TO THE WEST OF HA WAN TSUEN.

THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE CROSSING UP TO MID-RIVER WILL BE BUILT BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE NORTHERN SECTION BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

APART FROM THE SHENZHEN RIVER BRIDGE THE CONTRACT COMPRISES A 1.8-KILOMETRE DUAL TWO-LANE ROAD CONNECTING THE BRIDGE TO THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD TOGETHER WITH SITE FORMATION FOR BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES AND A TWO-KILOMETRE DUAL TWO-LANE ROAD FROM PAK SHEK AU TOWARDS MAI PO. IT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE WORKS.

THIS SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW THE ROUTE OF THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN YUEN LONG, FANLING AND FAIRVIEW PARK HAVE ALREADY GENERATED A SIGNIFICANT VOLUME OF TRAFFIC ON THE SECTION OF THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM AU TAU TO FAN KAM ROAD, WITH FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS BEING PLANNED AT MAI PO, SAN TIN AND KWU TUNG.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THIS SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IS EXPECTED TO EASE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ROAD SECTION BETWEEN FAN KAM ROAD AND PAK SHEK AU IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1987. IT IS PLANNED TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD FROM MAI PO TO AU TAU BY 1990.

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KOWLOON CITY WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 22) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE 376-386 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, 1-43 HAU WONG ROAD AND 2-44B LION ROCK ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG HOI YUEN ROAD, KING YIP STREET, WING YIP STREET, FUNG SHING STREET, NGAU CHI WAN STREET, SAU MAU PING ROAD, HIU KWONG STREET, CHA KWO LING ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD, HONG NING ROAD, CHUN WAH ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD AND HONG LEE ROAD.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, SHUN CHI COURT, CHOI WAN ESTATE, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, LAM TIN ESTATE, LOK WAH ESTATE AND THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE  
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THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN FACTORY STREET AND KAM WA STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 20) FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND VEHICLES ON SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE FACTORY STREET, WANG WA STREET AND KAM WA STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, BUSES ON CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTE 102 WILL TEMPORARILY TERMINATE AT THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS.

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